

SUPPORT COLLEGE LOAN INTEREST RATE CUTS AND MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher and as a member of the Education and Labor Committee, I am concerned by the fact that as the need for post-high school education increases in our country, so has the high price of attending college. Tuition fees at public universities have increased 41 percent after inflation since the year 2000.

A recent report highlighted my home State of New Jersey as having the highest college costs in the Nation for 4-year public institutions. Including tuition and room and board, it costs an average of \$17,515 to attend a public 4-year university or college in New Jersey, about \$5,600 over the national average. Because of these skyrocketing costs, many students and their families must take out student loans.

Unfortunately, thanks to the policies of the Bush administration in the past and of a Republican-controlled Congress, interest rates have increased as funding to college programs have been cut. Now this Congress has a chance to pursue a positive course by broadening college opportunities for all American students.

A Democratic bill coming before the House today, as part of the 100-hour agenda, will cut interest rates for the student loans, and, so, therefore, I ask, Mr. Speaker, that as our economy becomes more important day by day, it is important that we have a workforce that will be able to appreciate lower costs. This legislation will give more college-bound teens the ability to afford college, and that is why it should receive strong bipartisan support.

THE BRING THE TROOPS HOME AND IRAQ SOVEREIGNTY RESTORATION ACT

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, the President said that critics of escalation have a responsibility, quite frankly, to offer an alternative. Today, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS and myself will do just that. The Bring the Troops Home and Iraq Sovereignty Restoration Act is a rational alternative to escalation. It will repeal the authorization to use force, fully fund a 6-month withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, provide economic aid to the Iraqi Government and fully fund the VA health care system for all veterans.

It will also prohibit permanent military bases in Iraq and U.S. control over Iraq's oil resources, and it will create a joint bipartisan committee to investigate how our Nation came to be misled into this unnecessary war and ensure that it never happens again.

It is time to bring this war and occupation to an end. It is time for military measures to be replaced by diplomacy. It is time to take the targets off our troops' backs and bring them home now. I am proud to say that today we will be introducing legislation to do just that.

I want to thank Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, Congresswoman MAXINE WALTERS of the Progressive Caucus and the Out of Iraq Caucus for their leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

CONGRATULATING THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2006 NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 62) congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 62

Whereas on December 16, 2006, the Grand Valley State University Lakers of Allendale, Michigan, won the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Football National Championship by defeating the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats by a score of 17 to 14, defeating the Bearcats for the second consecutive year in the championship game;

Whereas in the championship game, quarterback Cullen Finnerty completed 15 of 33 passes for 225 yards and rushed for 115 yards on 22 carries for 340 yards of total offense, becoming the first quarterback in the history of the NCAA Division II Football National Championship to pass for more than 200 yards and rush for more than 100 yards, and Bill Brechin made 4 pivotal plays, including 2 first-quarter interceptions that kept the Lakers in the game;

Whereas the Lakers completed the season with a perfect 15-0 winning record, becoming just the second team in NCAA Division II football history to finish the season 15-0;

Whereas the Lakers have won 28 consecutive games, the longest football winning streak in any NCAA division;

Whereas the Lakers also won the NCAA Division II Football National Championship in 2002, 2003, and 2005;

Whereas the American Football Coaches Association named Coach Chuck Martin the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year;

Whereas Martin has compiled a 3-year head coaching record of 38-3, including a 10-1 postseason record;

Whereas the Lakers' seniors finish their 4 seasons with a 52-4 record, which makes

them the all-time most winning senior class in all of NCAA history;

Whereas 5 Lakers earned Associated Press Little All-American honors, with seniors Finnerty, Eric Fowler, and Mike McFadden earning first-team honors and juniors Brandon Barnes and Brandon Carr earning third-team honors;

Whereas the Lakers dominated the 2006 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-American Football team by placing 6 players (Fowler, Barnes, McFadden, Finnerty, Carr, and Anthony Adams) on the first team;

Whereas in the 2006 season, Finnerty was selected to 3 All-American teams (the American Football Coaches Association, Daktronics, and the Associated Press) and finished second in the Harlon Hill race, an award given to the top player in Division II football;

Whereas Finnerty closes a college football career with a 51-4 record as a starter, including a record of 14-1 in postseason play, to become the most winning quarterback in NCAA history;

Whereas Finnerty was named the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Football Player of the Year, Barnes was named Offensive Lineman of the Year, and McFadden was named the Defensive Lineman of the Year for the second consecutive year;

Whereas McFadden also won the Gene Upshaw Award for the second consecutive year; and

Whereas Grand Valley State University's student athletes have displayed great strength, ability, and perseverance this season and have again made the citizens of the State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship; and

(2) recognizes all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in this achievement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days during which Members may insert material relevant to H. Res. 62.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) for introducing this resolution that salutes Grand Valley State for their recent victory over the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats in the NCAA Division II national football championship in December.

Grand Valley State was led by quarterback Cullen Finnerty, who completed 15 of 33 passes for 225 yards and rushed for 115 yards on 22 carries for 340 yards of total offense, becoming the first quarterback in the history of the NCAA Division II national football

championship to pass for more than 200 yards and rush for more than 100 yards.

The game also saw tremendous plays by Bill Brechin, who made two first quarter interceptions.

I would also point out that Northwest Missouri State University also played an excellent game, and I congratulate them for their effort.

The Lakers are no strangers to this championship, having won in 2002, 2003 and 2005. It is also the second year that the Lakers have defeated the Bearcats in a championship game.

Much is due to the coaching of Chuck Martin, who was named Division II Coach of the Year for the second year. Clearly, the Lakers deserve to be recognized by the House for their outstanding accomplishments on the football field, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to thank my colleague from Virginia for bringing forward this resolution today. I think it is a wonderful opportunity to educate the colleague from Virginia on the talents that we have in the State of Michigan, especially in western Michigan. I am excited to see how well versed he has become about the Grand Valley State University football team. As he indicated, we rise today to congratulate the student athletes on the Grand Valley State University Lakers 2006 football team.

On December 16, 2006, the Lakers football team won the NCAA Division II football national championship by defeating the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats 17-14. The Grand Valley State University football program has now won championships in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006.

The victory capped another storybook season for Coach Chuck Martin. He has coached his team to a 23-3

record, including a 10-1 post-season record after assuming coaching responsibility after a successful stint as the Lakers' defensive coordinator.

The Grand Valley State University seniors finished their 4-year run with the Lakers with a 52-4 record, making them the all-time winningest senior class in all of NCAA history.

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Grand Valley student athletes have displayed great strength, ability and resolve during the 2006 season. They have made the great State of Michigan proud once again.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to support the passage of H. Res. 62.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the full roster of this national championship team and their coaching staff.

2006 Roster

(Alphabetical)

No.	Name	Ht/Wt	Pos	Yr	Exp	Hometown (last school).
4	Anthony Adams	6-2/234	LB	JR	2L	Troy, MI (Troy).
58	Sam Allen	6-5/285	OL	SO	1L	Lansing, MI (Sexton).
35	Matt Bakker	6-1/190	RB	FR	FR	Middleville, MI (South Christian).
43	Lyle Banks	5-11/170	DB	FR	RS	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech).
61	Brandon Barnes	6-2/315	OL	JR	2L	Detroit, MI (Pershing).
82	Ryan Bass	6-2/181	WR	FR	RS	Portage, MI (Northern).
9	Matt Beaty	6-0/232	LB	JR	2L	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech).
99	Nate Beebe	6-2/235	DL	FR	FR	Allendale, MI.
21	P.J. Beuke	6-0/215	LB	FR	RS	Hinsdale, IL.
36	Chad Biggar	6-2/220	LB	FR	FR	Traverse City, MI (St. Francis).
6	Scott Blasko	6-4/265	TE	SO	1L	Lansing, MI (St. Joseph).
88	Cameron Bradfield	6-4/256	TE	FR	RS	Grand Rapids, MI (Creston).
29	Bill Brechin	5-10/180	DB	JR	1L	Addison, IL.
64	Drew Burton	6-1/310	OL	SR	2L	Moscow, ID (Moscow).
76	Troy Buter	6-8/270	OL	FR	FR	Zeeland, MI (West).
5	Samad Cain	6-2/200	DB	SO	1L	Detroit, MI (Minnesota).
87	Robert Carlisle	6-1/184	WR	SO	1L	Detroit, MI (Lutheran East).
24	Brandon Carr	6-1/206	DB	JR	2L	Flint, MI (Carman-Ainsworth).
25	Tony Carr	6-0/190	DB	SR	1L	Flint, MI (Western Michigan).
83	Tony Carri	6-3/235	TE	FR	FR	Clinton Township, MI (L'Anse Cruse).
20	Kirk Carruth	7/35	LB	JR	2L	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw).
90	Todd Carter	6-1/190	K	SO	1L	Flint, MI (Carman-Ainsworth).
3	Mark Catlin	5-10/180	WR	SR	3L	Lowell, MI (Lowell).
37	Carlos Clark	6-0/160	WR	FR	FR	Belleville, MI.
52	Aaron Conti	5-8/175	DB	FR	RS	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Detroit Jesuit).
95	Greg Copeland	6-3/250	OL	FR	FR	Inkster, MI.
84	Mendelson Covington	6-4/225	DL	FR	FR	Carsbad, CA.
59	Anthony Crump	6-4/228	WR	FR	RS	Muskegon, MI.
32	Joe Davis	6-1/250	OL	FR	FR	Jenison, MI.
93	Corey Edwards	6-0/183	WR	SO	1L	Grand Rapids, MI (Ottawa Hills).
51	Jeremy Ehinger	6-3/285	DL	JR	TR	Torrance, CA (L.A. Harbor College).
56	Billy Eisenhardt	6-3/270	OC	SO	1L	Macomb, MI (Dakota).
31	Ian Evans	6-3/235	TE	FR	FR	Clearwater, FL (Countrywide).
94	Eric Ewing	6-1/200	LB	FR	FR	Jackson, MI (Lumen Christi).
16	Gary Fant	5-11/190	DB	FR	RS	Lansing, MI (Eastern).
34	Chris Favors	6-2/270	DL	JR	TR	Laplace, LA (Citrus J.C.).
79	Cullen Finnelly	6-2/210	QB	SR	3L	Brighton, MI (Brighton).
80	Matt Flutur	5-11/215	RB	FR	RS	Ludington, MI (Mason County Central).
7	Dan Foster	6-5/250	OL	FR	FR	Grand Haven, MI.
92	Eric Fowler	6-3/198	WR	SR	3L	New Haven, MI (New Haven).
66	Preston Garris	5-9/190	WR	JR	2L	Muskegon, MI (Mona Shores).
17	Ryan Gaydosh	6-3/259	DL	JR	2L	Medina, OH (Medina).
70	Alex Gilde	6-0/265	DL	FR	FR	McBain, MI.
23	Brennen Glass	6-4/220	QB	FR	FR	Springfield, OH.
97	John Godush	6-3/315	OL	FR	FR	Stevensville, MI (Lakeshore).
75	Maurice Gore	5-9/190	RB	FR	RS	Lansing, MI (Sexton).
55	Mike Graham	6-2/244	TE	JR	TR	Owosso, MI (Grand Rapids C.C.).
71	D.D. Hardy	6-0/170	WR	FR	FR	New Haven, MI.
67	James Hardy	6-5/250	OL	FR	FR	Buffalo Grove, IL (Stevenson).
42	Brett Harris	6-5/240	DE	FR	RS	New Haven, MI.
69	Jacob Henige	6-2/295	OL	JR	2L	Chesaning, MI (Chesaning).
53	Brett Hines	6-4/290	OL	FR	FR	Cincinnati, OH (Moeller).
54	Drew Hinkle	6-3/240	DL	FR	RS	Dearborn, MI (Divine Child).
65	Tyler Holtz	6-3/294	OL	FR	FR	Holt, MI.
13	Nick Hopkins	5-11/170	K/P	FR	FR	Byron Center, MI.
47	Brad Hull	6-4/240	DL	FR	FR	Centerville, OH.
53	Brad Iciek	6-1/180	QB	FR	RS	Grandville, MI.
28	Jay Jandasek	5-11/190	K	FR	FR	Brighton, MI.
86	Nate John	6-4/300	OL	JR	TR	Bolingbrook, IL (College of DuPage).
8	Blake Johncock	6-1/205	LB	JR	SQ	Battle Creek, MI (Central).
2	Derrick Jones	6-5/278	DL	SR	1L	Barstow, CA (Victory Valley College).
81	Sam Jones	6-0/250	DL	FR	FR	Kentwood, MI (East Kentwood).
77	Zach Jones	6-1/195	DB	SR	2L	Glendale, CA.
11	Lamar Keith	6-3/230	DL	FR	FR	Inkster, MI.
10	Mike Koster	6-3/206	WR	FR	RS	Lowell, MI.
58	Buster Larkins	5-11/190	DB	SR	TR	Indianapolis, IN (University of Indiana).
2	Mike Leiffers	6-1/245	DL	FR	FR	Allendale, MI.
81	Astin Martin	5-9/187	RB	FR	1L	Grand Rapids, MI (Toledo).
77	John Mathews	6-2/235	TE	SO	1L	Essexville, MI (Garber).
11	Nick McDonald	6-4/275	OL	FR	RS	Sterling Heights, MI (Henry Ford II).
77	Mike McFadden	6-1/255	DL	SR	3L	Saginaw, MI (Heritage).
10	Jacob McGuckin	6-2/215	SS	FR	RS	Allen Park, MI.

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No.	Name	Ht/Wt	Pos	Yr	Exp	Hometown (last school).
44	Byron Miles	6-0/225	LB	JR	TR	Chicago, IL (Joliet J.C.).
40	David Misiewicz	6-0/185	DB	JR	SQ	Sarasota, FL (Cardinal Mooney).
1	Terry Mitchell	6-2/210	WR	SR	1L	Port Huron, MI (Harper J.C.).
19	Jaqueon Morrison	5-11/185	WR	JR	TR	Carson, CA (L.A. Harbor College).
49	Mike Mukuna	6-2/210	LB	FR	FR	Haslett, MI.
39	Frank Mulder	6-0/180	DB	FR	RS	Lowell, MI.
38	Jordan Munson	6-4/225	LB	FR	RS	Petoskey, MI (Petoskey).
60	Doug Neumeyer	6-3/255	OL	FR	RS	Sanduskey, MI.
22	Courtney Partee	5-9/170	CB	FR	RS	Ada, MI (East Grand Rapids).
46	Denny Pittman	6-1/190	DB	FR	FR	Walker, MI (West Catholic).
45	Justin Pollock	6-2/240	DL	FR	SQ	Kentwood, MI (East Kentwood).
	Danny Richard	6-3/220	DL	FR	FR	West Bloomfield, MI.
26	Chad Richardson	6-1/189	WR	SO	TR	Charlotte, MI.
	Sean Roland	5-11/195	DB	SR	3L	Detroit, MI (University of Detroit Jesuit).
	Matt Russell	5-10/188	RB	FR	FR	Naperville, IL (Aurora Christian).
12	Brandon Ryan	5-8/192	DB	JR	2L	Grand Blanc, MI.
18	Mike Scherpenberg	6-4/180	QB	FR	FR	Cincinnati, OH (Indian Hill).
41	Felix Sharpe	5-10/172	WR	FR	RS	Kalamazoo, MI (Central).
33	Dan Skuta	6-3/240	DE	SO	1L	Flint, MI (Carman-Ainsworth).
27	Blake Smolen	6-0/198	WR	FR	RS	Grosse Ile, MI.
15	Chad Somerville	6-2/204	QB	FR	RS	Mason, MI.
14	Derek Stansbery	6-0/201	DB	JR	TR	Battle Creek, MI. (Harper Creek).
72	Brett Stengele	6-5/265	OL	FR	FR	Cresthill, IL (Joliet Catholic).
68	Sean Stevens	6-4/260	OL	JR	2L	Grand Ledge, MI (Grand Ledge).
	Alex Szarenski	6-2/257	DL	FR	RS	Southfield, MI (Brother Rice).
73	Joey Teague	6-2/270	OL	FR	FR	Fairfield, OH.
	Bryan Thomas	6-0/265	DL	FR	RS	South Lyon, MI.
	Tony Thompson	5-10/170	DB	FR	FR	Traverse City, MI. (West).
63	Jacob Topp	6-3/272	OL	SO	1L	Strongsville, OH (Eastern Michigan).
96	Lance Travis	6-2/237	DE	FR	RS	Sebewaning, MI. (Unionville-Sebewaning).
85	Antione Trent	6-2/198	WR	JR	2L	Grand Rapids, MI. (Ottawa Hills).
48	Justin Trumble	6-2/190	P/K	FR	RS	Grosse Pointe, MI. (Dakota).
91	Justin Ulberg	6-3/250	DL	JR	2L	Allendale, MI.
	Justin Victor	6-1/200	LB	FR	FR	Allen Park, MI.
89	Matt Wade	5-10/160	WR	FR	RS	Grand Haven, MI.
	John Wasmund	6-1/210	K	FR	FR	Westerville, OH (North).
74	Collin Williams	6-4/250	OL	FR	FR	Howell, MI.
98	Justin Winsor	6-4/245	OL	FR	FR	Middleton, MI (Fulton-Middleton).
78	Joe Wohlscheid	6-7/305	OL	JR	1L	Grand Ledge, MI.
50	James Wojciechowski	6-0/214	LB	FR	RS	Southfield, MI. (Brother Rice).

COACHES

Chuck Martin—head coach.
Steve Brockelbank—assistant head coach/
OL/rec. coordinator.
Matt Pawlowski—defensive coordinator/defensive backs.
Todd Kolster—offensive coordinator/quarterbacks.
Matt Mitchell—linebackers/strength & conditioning.
William Pascol—running backs.
Jim Schaak—kickers/tight/ends.
Matt Yoches—defensive line.
Dan Podrocy—graduate assistant.
Adam McClain—graduate assistant.
David Sartin—graduate assistant.
Dan Price—video coordinator.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 62, a resolution congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship.

Head Coach Chuck Martin and his team have helped to bring national reknown to GVSU's campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and throughout West Michigan with their excellence on the field. Over the past five years, the Lakers have won four National Championships in their division, a feat that has been duplicated at no other level of college football in the same time span.

The senior class of this team compiled a four-year record of 52-4, making them the winningest senior class of football players in NCAA history. Led by quarterback Cullin Finnerty, Eric Fowler and Mike McFadden—each of them named first-team Little All-America players by the Associated Press—the Lakers dominated their competition to an undefeated 15-0 season, culminating in a 17-14 championship victory over the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats on December 16, 2006, in Florence, Alabama.

The game was witnessed by 7,000 fans in the stadium and by a worldwide audience including our soldiers in Iraq and elsewhere, who watched the game on the Armed Forces

TV Network. One GVSU official, my former press secretary, Chris Barbee, reported hearing from two soldiers in Iraq congratulating the team on its victory.

The Laker football team is emblematic of Grand Valley State University as a whole—a thriving, bustling university in West Michigan with more than 23,000 students and nearly 2,000 faculty and staff. The university, led by its new president Thomas J. Haas, is striving for excellence at all levels academic and athletic alike.

Congratulations again to Grand Valley State University, Coach Martin and his staff, and all the players, support staff and fans who made this championship a reality.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, today we will be considering H. Res. 62, a resolution congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship. And although I will be supporting this resolution out of respect for my friend and colleague, Congressman PETER HOEKSTRA, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats.

This is the second consecutive year Northwest Missouri State University has made a run for the championship. Unfortunately, the football Gods were not kind to them at the championship game this year. However, the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats are an exceptional football team with great team spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats football team for an outstanding 2006 season, and I look forward to cheering them on to the NCAA Division II Football Championship again next year.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 62.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those voting have responded in the affirmative.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 434

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.

The authorization for any program, authority, or provision, including any pilot program, that was extended through February 2, 2007, by section 1 of Public Law 109–